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1. DR. SISUK OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS SAID SEPT. 8 RTG IS, ON BASIS RECENT MEETING WITH BOARD OF AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES, PROCEEDING WITH FARE STABILIZATION MEASURES ALONG LINES OF REFTEL B. RTG HOPE IS THAT BRITISH CAN BE PERSUADED TO DROP DEMANDS FOR REDUCTION IN CAPACITY BY THAI INTER AND AIR SIAM THROUGH HONG KONG IN EXCHANGE FOR EFFECTIVE POLICING OF FARES ON BANGKOK/ HONG KONG SECTOR.

2. SISUK SAID PROPOSED FARE, NOW BEING HAMMERED OUT IN MINISTRY, WILL BE PROMOTIONAL FARE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THAT OFFERED BY MAJOR DISCOUNTERS (\$180 ROUND TRIP BY AIR SIAM AS CONTRASTED WITH IATA FARE OF \$312). RTG WILL SUBMIT ITS FARE FOR APPROVAL BY HONG KONG GOVERNMENT (HKG), AND, IF APPROVED, WILL TAKE STEPS TO ENFORCE IT IN BANGKOK, SISUK SAID.

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3. BRITISH DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT NEW SCHEDULES SHOWING

WINTER CAPACITY CUTS BY THAI INTER AND AIR SIAM HAS BEEN
SLIPPED ONCE AGAIN -- TO OCTOBER 1 -- ACCORDING TO SISUK.
HE ADDED THAT RTG HAS PROPOSED NEW CONSULTATIONS ON
FARE/CAPACITY MATTERS BE HELD IN BANGKOK IN OCTOBER.

4. ARE WE CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT US CAB WOULD PERMIT
PANAM TO COMPETE FOR TRAFFIC ON HONG KONG--BANGKOK SECTOR
BY CHARGING PROMOTIONAL FARE APPROVED BY RTG AND HKG?
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